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Applicant	: Vishnu K. Agarwal	Attorney Docket No.:	501082.10 (98-0616.09)
Serial No.	: 09/652,714	Group Art Unit	: 2815
Filed	: August 31, 2000	Examiner	: Jose R. Diaz
Title	: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE		

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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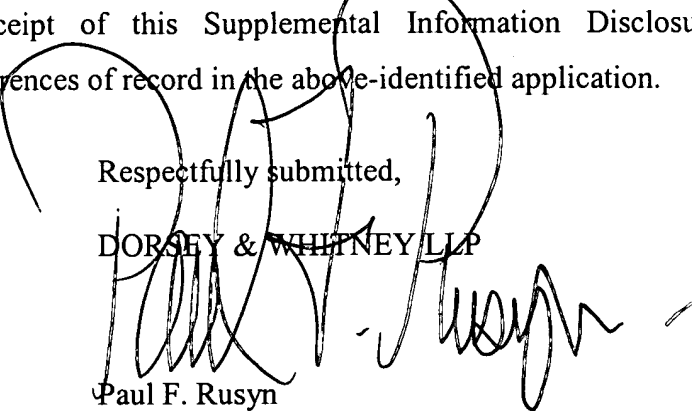
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Respectfully submitted,

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE				
Large Entity	Small Entity			
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
101	740	201	370	<input type="checkbox"/> Utility Filing Fee
106	330	206	165	<input type="checkbox"/> Design Filing Fee
108	740	208	370	<input type="checkbox"/> Reissue Filing Fee
114	160	214	80	<input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Filing Fee
Subtotal (1)				\$0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Current Claims	Prior	Extra	Fee	Fee Paid
Total	- 20	=	x \$	= \$
Ind.	- 3	=	x \$	= \$
Multiple Dependent Claims		=	x \$	= \$
Subtotal (2)				\$0

Large Entity	Small Entity			
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent Claim
109	80	209	40	Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

FEE CALCULATION (Continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES				
Large Entity	Small Entity			
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
105	130	205	65	Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification
147	2,520	147	2,520	For Filing a Request for Reexamination
195	300	196	300	Publication (early or Republication)
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month
116	400	216	200	Extension for reply within 2 nd month
117	920	217	460	Extension for reply within 3 rd month
118	1,440	218	720	Extension for reply within 4 th month
128	1,960	280	980	Extension for reply within 5 th month
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	280	270	140	Request for oral hearing
148	110	248	55	Terminal Disclaimer Fee
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable
141	1,280	241	640	Petition to revive - unintentional
142	1,280	242	640	Utility/Reissue issue fee (+ advance copies)
143	460	243	230	Design issue fee (+ advance copies)
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications
126	180	126	180	Submission of IDS
581	40	81	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
179	740	279	370	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
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